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SUBJECT: SIAD BARRE VISIT TO LIBERIA

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1. SOMALI PRESIDENT AND OAU CHAIRMAN SIAD BARRE VISITED MONROVIA NOVEMBER 23-25. ALTHOUGH VISIT TOOK PLACE OVER WEEKEND, BARRE AND TOLBERT WENT THROUGH HEAVY CEREMONIAL SCHEDULE IN ADDITION TO TALKS. FROM EVIDENCES VISIBLE IN MONROVIA AS WELL AS FROM IMPRESSIONS GAINED FROM TOLBERT HIMSELF, VISIT WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL FROM BOTH LEADERS' POINTS OF VIEW. EMPHASIS WAS ON BARRE'S ROLE AS SOMALI PRESIDENT RATHER THAN AS OAU CHAIRMAN.

2. ONE PRINCIPAL TOPIC OF TALKS, ACCORDING TO TOLBERT, AROSE AT BARRE'S INSTANCE AND CONCERNED STATUS OF US-SOMALIA RELATIONS (REPORTED MONROVIA 6771). TOLBERT DID NOT IDENTIFY OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED, ALTHOUGH HE NOTED THAT BARRE DID NOT RPT NOT RAISE CAMBODIAN AND KOREAN UNGA ISSUES, WHICH TOLBERT HAD EXPECTED BARRE TO BRING UP SINCE NONALIGNED GROUP HAD TAKEN POSITIONS ON THOSE MATTERS.

3. COMMUNIQUE MADE USUAL NOISES ABOUT OAU; DECOLONIZATION, PARTICULARLY OF PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES; DIFFICULTIES OF NON OIL PRODUCING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; GAP BETWEEN LDC'S AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES; WORLD FOOD CRISIS; AND NONALIGNED ACTIVI-
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TIES. POINTS IN COMMUNIQUE WORTHY OF NOT INCLUDE FOLLOWING,

AS TO WHICH TWO LEADERS:

(A) EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN OAU BUT UNDERScoreD NEED FOR REVISION OF OAU CHARTER "TO IMPROVE ITS SERVICES TO AFRICA AND ITS PEOPLES."

(B) REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT OF THE RIGHTS OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF PEOPLES OF CAPE VERDE ISLANDS, SEYCHELLES, FRENCH SOMALILAND, SPANISH SAHARA, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE.

(C) CONDEMNED (AMONG OTHER THINGS LIKE COLONIALISM AND APARTHEID) ZIONIST EXPANSIONISM (NOT "ZIONISM" AS BARRE'S DRAFT HAD PROPOSED).

(D) AGREED THAT PEACE IN MID EAST COULD BE ACHIEVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTIONS OF UN AND OAU AND PARTICULARLY BY WITHDRAWAL ISRAELI FORCES FROM ALL TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND THEREAFTER, AS WELL AS "THROUGH GRANTING LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE."

(E) STRESSED NEED FOR REFORM OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO REFLECT "POLITICAL REALITIES OF THE TIMES."

(F) AGREED, RE BILATERAL RELATIONS, THAT TECHNICIANS SHOULD CONTINUE TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDED COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY IN TRADE, TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE, AND THAT TOLBERT WOULD PAY RETURN STATE VISIT AT DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

4. EMBOFF DISCUSSED VISIT WITH CHARLES COOPER, HEAD OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S BUREAU OF AFRICAN AND ASIAN AFFAIRS, RECENTLY ELEVATED TO RANK OF ASSISTANT MINIST OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. COOPER WAS RELUCTANT TO ELABORATE ON COMMUNIQUE, BUT DID OFFER FOLLOWING:

(A) LANGUAGE RE SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE FOR PEOPLE OF CAPE VERDE ISLANDS IN HIS VIEW (AND, BY IMPLICATION, THAT OF PRESIDENTS) PROCEEDS FROM "FACTS ON THE GROUND," I.E. THAT CAPE VERDE ISLANDS HAVE NOT YET BEEN DECOLONIZED AS GUINEA-BISSAU HAS. COMMUNIQUE SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS OPPOSING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THOSE WHO BELIEVE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS SHOULD BE INTEGRAL PART OF GUINEA-BISSAU OR AS SUPPORTING THOSE WHO BELIEVE ISLANDS SHOULD BE SEPARATE.

(B) REFORM-OF-SECURITY-COUNCIL LANGUAGE MEANS ELIMINATION OF VETO. GREAT-POWER VETO IN IMMEDIATE POST-WWII AND COLD WAR CONTEXTS MAY HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATE TO TIMES, BUT IS NO LONGER. COOPER DID SAY THERE WERE "OTHER PROBLEMS TOO," BUT AVOIDED

ELABORATING.

(C) CHANGES GOL HAS IN MIND FOR OAU "HAVE TO DO WITH ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE." AFTER CONSIDERABLE PRESSING COOPER IDENTIFIED TECHNICAL AGENCIES OF OAU, PARTICULARLY "TECHNICAL REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS" UNIT IN LAGOS ON PLANT QUARANTINE CONTROL AND "REFUGEE BUREAU". HE SAID THAT GOL BELIEVES THESE AGENCIES MUST BE PROVIDED WITH MORE RESOURCES AND EXPERTS, AND THAT THIS IS WHAT UNDERLIES COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE.

(D) THERE ARE NO DEFINITE PLANS AFOOT FOR TOLBERT'S RETURN VISIT. COOPER DOES, HOWEVER, FORESEE RAISING OF LEVEL OF SOMALIAN-LIBERIAN RELATIONS, PERHAPS TO NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADORS, AS DEFINITELY COMING.
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